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Attention: Mail Stop Appeal Brief-Patents

Please find attached Re: 10/037,982

Attorney Docket No. PD-970358A

- > Amendment Transmittal (in duplicate)
- > Petition for One Month Extension of Time (in duplicate)
- > Amendment & Replacement Drawings in Response of PTO Action of 6-26-2006

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Docket No. PD-970358A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Feng-Wen Sun, et al. : Date: October 4, 2006
 Serial No.: 10/037,982 : Group Art Unit: 2616
 Filed: January 3, 2002 :
 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCODING DATA FOR : Examiner: Jay P. Patel
 TRANSMISSION IN A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM :

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Applicant acknowledges that **a one month extension of time is required** to respond to the Office Action dated June 26, 2006. A petition for one month extension of time is hereby enclosed.

☒ Additional fee for claims is required.

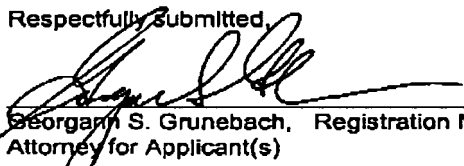
☒ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE					
TOTAL CLAIMS	21 minus	20* =	1	x	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00			
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 minus	3* =	**1	x	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00			
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				x	\$ 360.00	\$ -0-			
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						\$ 250.00			

**1 - In reviewing previous preliminary amendment filed February 26, 2002, applicant miscalculated the Independent Claims Fee; therefore, the fee for one extra independent claim is hereby requested to be charged to applicant's deposit account as indicated.

Charge \$ 250.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of The DIRECTV Group, Inc., El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. *This transmittal is submitted in duplicate.*

Respectfully submitted,

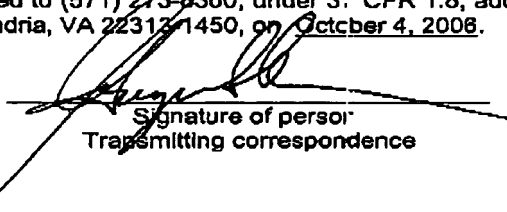

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